

# ALA at USC

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Aloha Trojans! Welcome to a new semester and a new year! Welcome to the new students and the seasoned Moodle operators. I hope everyone is as excited as I am for the new year because it is going to be grrreat! Like Kellogs cereal, great! I know this not because I took up fortune-telling over the holiday break but because I know this year will be full of new opportunities. Every day we wake up with choices to make the best of the day or to let it pass us by, one tick of the clock at a time. We all chose to be a part of the rigorous MMLIS program, we all chose to move past our own understanding of the world seeking new skills and a new awareness of our communities. We are all here because we want to make the world a better place. I know it can be tempting to narrow in and dwell on the hurts of this past year or trauma that is still in process. I urge you to remember you are not alone, we are here with you, typing and toiling away at our own glowing computer screens with our own issues and challenges in life. It is ok if you are still in a fog, a supportive friend is only an email away.

As my favorite Zen Cowboy says,  
 "Now if you're running to another for help, It doesn't mean that you can't do it for yourself. It just means that your neighbor, he's going to know, if he needs help he knows where to go." -Chuck Pyle

**FIGHT ON!**  
 - Thalia King  
 ALA at USC President

### SAVE THE DATE

**2/12 SPRING OPEN HOUSE**  
**7PM PST**

**2/13 SOTM NOMINATION**  
**DEADLINE**

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*ALA at USC wants to wish you a*

**HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY**



SLA+USC invites all MMLIS students who are interested in joining for the Spring semester! The Special Library Association (SLA) is a non-profit global organization for innovative information professionals and their strategic partners in business, government, academic, and other “specialized” settings. This semester, we are compiling resources to encourage engagement outside of the MMLIS program. We would like to know what your interests are in the field of library and information science (LIS). This ongoing process will allow us to curate resources and help you be informed about your interests in LIS. SLA offers many valuable opportunities for members: Networking, Community Building, Learning, and Leadership. SLA actively engages members with forums discussing library programming, advocacy, and member questions. The MMLIS program also offers free membership to SLA for one year!

This is a gateway for you to network with many librarians and information professionals! SLA+USC is thrilled to create a space that serves a diverse group of students, interests, and goals.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING  
FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT

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## And January's Student of the Month is...

# LORI PATEL

*"A dedicated professional with extraordinary insight in the profession. Any class with her will make the discussion complex and intuitive."*

Lori is a fifth-semester student interested in information literacy, new technologies, diversity, and outreach. She is the Cohort XX Representative and is known by her peers as a positive and inspiring classmate, team partner, and friend. Unsurprisingly, she was nominated as January's Student of the Month because fellow peers find her helpful both inside and outside of class. When asked who inspired her, Lori said, "My classmates. Everyone makes big sacrifices and juggles so many responsibilities to take part in this program. Really an amazing group!"

Her favorite class in the program has been LIM 502, Collection Development and Management with Dr. Caroline Muglia, where her team "created a collection for the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security. That was so much fun!" When asked about her favorite professor, Lori said "Anyone who made time to meet individually, so that's most." From the MMLIS program, Lori would like to know more about digital humanities, scholarly communications, and data curation. As she nears the end of the program, she is looking forward to "Getting my weekends back and watching Tuesday become just another day of the week." Once Lori graduates this spring, she plans to keep her goals flexible. Although she would "love to land a job at UC Berkeley [she] would be happy to get a foothold anywhere. I want a job that allows me to keep learning and to help people by connecting them with information resources."

Lori studies from her bedroom most of the time due to a full house. Her favorite thing about winter is reconnecting as a family over the holidays. "I have one daughter in high school, one off at college, and one who works, so winter holidays are our chance to reunite. If I put out a puzzle, it acts like a bird feeder, bringing people together in differing combinations. Some of the best conversations happen late at night over the puzzle board." A fun fact she shared with us is that she knows a legit trick to get rid of hiccups. "Have a friend pull your earlobes down firmly while you drink water slowly and steadily. It works!"

Her advice to fellow MMLIS students is to "Come to ALAatUSC events. They are a great way to meet people in other cohorts and learn about upcoming courses, internships, and job search strategies. Also, the people are wonderful."



### Q & A with Lori

What's your favorite book?

Lab Girl by Hope Jahren

If you could vacation anywhere in the world, where would you go and why? Greece. When I was little and we lived on an Army base in Germany, my parents slipped away for a long weekend in Greece, leaving my siblings and me behind with a very strict family. For me, Greece has always been the place I did not get to see.

What song on your playlist do you replay the most?

Cannonball Adderley's "Autumn Leaves." If I play that song where my husband can hear it, he'll come over to dance.

What is the last thing you read for fun?

Charming as a Verb

What is your favorite restaurant or eatery?

Cholita Linda for a fish taco, carnitas, and sangria.

What shows are you watching/streaming now?

Lupin. Really need that second season to arrive!

What is your dream internship?

Writing copy for Mighty Girls or San Francisco's Asian Art Museum or the Bay Area Book Festival.

## NOMINATE THE NEXT SOTM!

By Feb. 14, 11:59 PM Trojan Time

<https://forms.gle/TLZjFH2yTB8NovyF8>



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Every February, the United States celebrates the achievements and history of African Americans. Black History Month was created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history. Today Black History Month continues the discussion of Black people and their contributions through activities such as museum exhibits, film screenings, and encouraging the study of achievements by African Americans year-round.

## TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BLACK HISTORY MONTH VISIT THESE RESOURCES:

Black History Facts  
African American History Month  
Origins of Black History Month  
Honor and Lean This Black History Month  
2021 Black History Month L.A. events: Virtual Celebrations  
Black History 2021 at NPR



# ***Join the Yearbook Team!***

To conserve our memories as MMLIS students this academic year, ALA at USC will create a fun and memorable 2020-2021 MMLIS Yearbook! Join our board members in creating a book that reflects all cohorts and MMLIS students' experiences!

If you are interested in being creative, editing, or gaining a new skill, consider joining our Yearbook Team! Any MMLIS student can join. No prior experience is required.



*enjoy  
every  
moment.*

FILL OUT THE FORM TO JOIN!

<https://forms.gle/Pmkxs3N6QDkS122G7>

# WHERE IS TOMMY TROJAN?

OUR STUDENT MAP SHOWS WHERE  
STUDENTS ARE STUDYING FROM.  
DO YOU HAVE A NEIGHBOR NEAR BY?





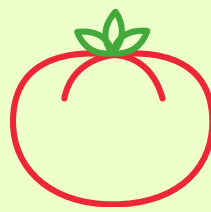
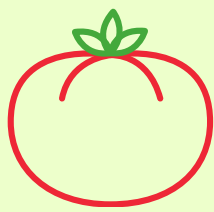


ALA AT USC INVITES YOU TO

# SPRING OPEN HOUSE

February 12, 2021 | 7 PM PST  
<https://zoom.us/j/92177578809>

RSVP  
[TLKING@USC.EDU](mailto:TLKING@USC.EDU)



ALA AT USC BRINGS YOU

# POMODORO ZOOM SESSIONS

JOIN US AS WE STUDY REAL-TIME VIA ZOOM!

WHEN? FEBRUARY 19, 2021 | 7:00PM-10PM PST

WHERE? [HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/96625292250](https://zoom.us/j/96625292250)

## Leavey Library Hosts Pomodoro

**8-11 pm PST**

Monday - Friday  
1/19 - 5/12

Register here:  
[libguides.usc.edu/uscstudycave](http://libguides.usc.edu/uscstudycave)

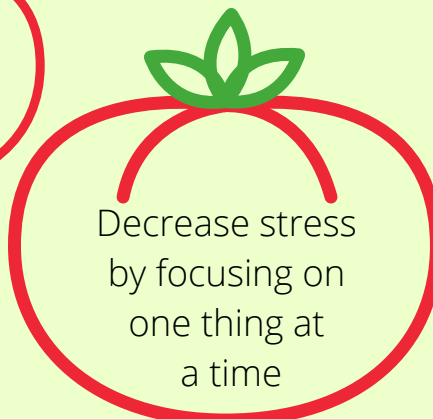
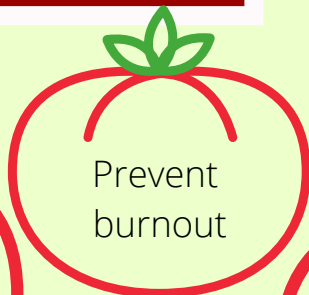
## Wellness of You @USC HSC

Mid-Month Mindful Pomodoro Study Session

**5 pm - 8 pm PST**

Monday 2/8/2021

Register here:  
[https://bit.ly/spring21\\_wellness\\_of\\_you\\_events](https://bit.ly/spring21_wellness_of_you_events)





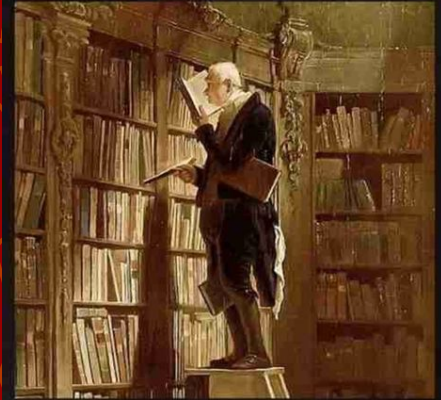
# YOU KNOW WHAT I "MEME"?

Work: Dress for the job you want, not the job you have.

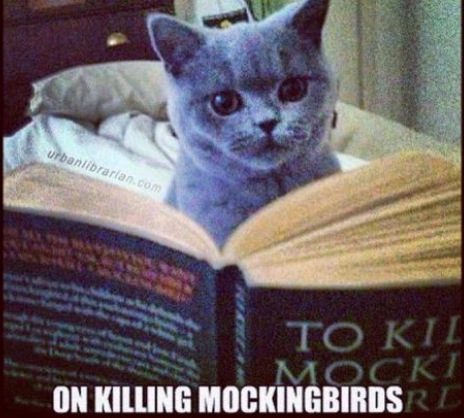
Me: \*arrives at work\*



When you have the perfect meme for a situation but have to search through your 800+ memes archive



**ABSOLUTELY NO INFORMATION**



"Now go into your breakout groups"



**I DO NOT LIKE APA  
STYLE**



**ET AL.**



WHEN YOU'RE READING A REALLY GOOD BOOK



**CLOSING ALL THE BROWSER TABS**



**AFTER COMPLETING AN  
ASSIGNMENT**

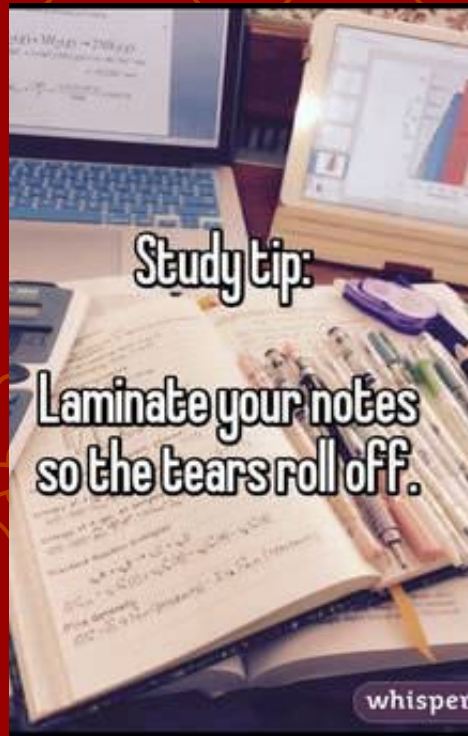
Me in online classes checking every 2 minutes if my camera and microphone are turned off:







My family: How is online school going?  
Me: Its great  
Also me:



Me trying to excel in my career,  
maintain a social life, drink enough  
water, exercise, text everyone back,  
stay sane, survive and be happy



Professor: "What inspired you to write  
this essay?"

Me: "The due date"



Professor: "Guys this is a big project  
so don't wait until the night before to  
start"

Me, the night before:

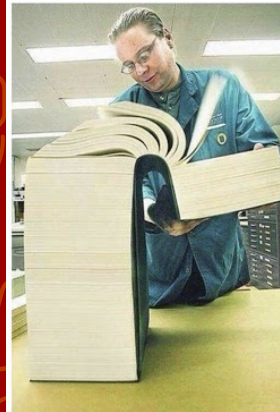


Gets Invisibility Cloak



What the teacher wants us to  
write

The space they give me



Me: "I can study with music,  
it helps me concentrate"

Me 10 minutes later:





ALA AT USC

# Board



Thalia King

PRESIDENT



Jasmine Orellana

VICE - PRESIDENT



Vacant

SECRETARY



Carla Hernandez

TREASURER



Vacant

NEW MEMBER LIAISON



Angelica Mejia

NEW MEDIA LIAISON

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